

POLITICAL.

West Virginia has thus far but one candidate for the Presidency—namely, the Hon. George Lynch, of Calhoun.

No party can succeed hereafter, that fails to nominate men for office who are above suspicion.

Belknap's case is the first instance in American history of a Cabinet officer being convicted of corruption.

Republican papers are kept very busy now explaining why their party is the one of great moral ideas, despite the revelations of the past few months.

How the family has grown! Three millions in 1776—forty-four millions in 1876! Uncle Sam will have to put another "L" on his house pretty soon—Er.

They're raising it in Congress.

There is a decided probability that Congress will reduce the President's salary to \$25,000 per annum. If so, Grant will probably decline a third term. However, he may veto the bill.

The Clarksburg Telegram speaks of our townsman, Hon. J. M. Bennett, as having strong chances for the gubernatorial nomination. This opinion seems to be pretty generally shared by the press of both parties in the First and Second Congressional Districts.

Federal Court convenes at Clarksburg on the 24th inst. It is expected that a grand outpouring of aspirants for office will be present, and that the policy of both parties during the coming campaign will be fully decided upon.

Let the strictest care be had at all the county, State and National Conventions, so as to give the people a fair hearing and have their desire accomplished, and then all will be right and success will fall to the Democratic party.

A legislator and a lawyer possess a dual character. While in the House Mr. Voorhees lifted up his voice loudly against Governor Ames and the carpet-baggers generally. Now he has been engaged by Governor Ames to defend him during his impeachment trial. Queer, but nevertheless lawyer like.

We are a strict Democrat; but we are not of the sort who can glory in the social ruin of a political enemy. The downfall of General Belknap is a national calamity. The exposure made have staggered the confidence of our own people in republican institutions, and lost us the good name and fame which we are anxious to obtain abroad.

Senator H. G. Davis, although he did not succeed in securing the passage of his investigations into Treasury irregularities, has done the country great service by exposing the gross irregularities to such an extent as that the people will never be satisfied until his original project is carried out. He is entitled to great credit for his earnest and devoted zeal in these matters.

Hon. Felix J. Baxter, of Sutton, is spoken of by the prominent Democrats of his District, as the successor of Captain Shelton, of Nicholas, the present Senator from the 34th Senatorial District. No better or purer man for the position could be found in the District; nor is there in the State a man more worthy of the confidence and esteem of the people. Among all the suggestions of candidates we have yet heard, not one has been made that has given us greater satisfaction than the nomination of Mr. Baxter.

What Democratic retrenchment means, is satisfactorily explained by the conduct of the House in regard to the Diplomatic and Consular Appropriation bill. As passed, it appropriates \$913,000, a reduction of 35 per cent on the appropriation of last year. The character of the vote on its passage—101 yeas to 2 nays—virtually stops the Republican party from criticizing the measure as one of false economy, and should encourage the Democratic majority to press forward other reform measures of a similar nature. What Blaine and his friends may say, is a matter of indifference—press them to a vote.

The selection of St. Louis as the place for holding the National Democratic Convention is considered as favorable to a western man for the nomination for President. What effect this may have upon the nomination, or the platform, we cannot say; but we regard the selection as a good one. The Democrats are not going to split upon the financial question, wherever they may hold their Convention. They will stand together upon that financial plank the majority of the Convention may think best for the times. Though times may be said to be "out of joint," and it may become necessary for them to advocate remedies that otherwise they would not, but they will not split.

Buckhannon, by her few, but true, Democrats, is desirous of being the place whereat shall be held the Senatorial Convention for this District. We have no objections to it in itself—in fact, so hospitably and kindly were the delegates treated, at the last Senatorial Convention held there, that we have had nothing but good wishes for the people there, ever since. But it occurs to us that the Senatorial Convention should be held this year either at Weston or Gratton. Buckhannon, Beverley and Philippi have each had a Senatorial Convention, while Weston and Gratton have been ignored. We do not complain about this; but suggest, in behalf of fair dealing, that the Convention be held at Weston this year; at Gratton two years hence; and so on at other favorable points, giving each town in the District a fair show. What say the Philippi and Beverley papers on the subject?

The Great Scandal

The Secretary of War Impeached.

Found Guilty of Corruption.

And Confesses His Crimes.

To Save Him from Punishment. President Grant Accepts His Resignation.

Friday, March 3d, 1876, will long be remembered in the history of the eventful city of Washington. On that day the Hon. Heister Clymer, Chairman of the Committee on Expenditures of the War Department, appeared in the House of Representatives, and presented a report, signed by the Republican as well as the Democratic members of his committee, charging W. W. Belknap, Secretary of War, with high crimes and misdemeanors, and corruption, while occupying his high office. The report was not only based upon abundant testimony, but its truth was corroborated by the confession of the Secretary of War himself.

The sensation caused by this report can be better imagined than related. As the evidence was read, showing that General Belknap had been engaged for years in selling out the offices at his disposal for money, and corrupting every branch of the government under his control, the indignation and disgust of Republicans as well as Democrats was aroused; and when Mr. Clymer submitted, on behalf of his Committee, resolutions impeaching General Belknap of high crimes and misdemeanors, the vote was unanimous in favor of impeachment.

But now comes the crowning outrage in this infamous chapter of American history. Discovering that exposure was inevitable, Belknap proceeded to the Executive Mansion, and after relating to the President the position in which his crimes had placed him, he tendered his resignation, to take effect immediately, which President Grant accepted. This action, he it known, according to high authority, cuts off the right of the House of Representatives to impeach Mr. Belknap; for an impeachment can only be instituted against a public officer; and as Mr. Belknap's resignation was accepted before the House adopted the impeachment resolutions, it may be that the criminal may escape the punishment which the House otherwise would have inflicted. It is the impression throughout the entire country, and the opinion is justified by the facts, that President Grant accepted Belknap's resignation in order to screen him from justice, and it is also proper to say, that the respectable journals of the country, regardless of party, unite in denouncing the outrage.

But this trick on the part of the President will not save Mr. Belknap; for with a unanimity never before known in the history of this government, the House impeached Belknap before the bar of the Senate; appointed managers to prosecute him; and will at once proceed upon his trial. Precedents will be laid aside; and justice in this instance will not be fettered by the musty rulings of centuries ago. Both parties in Congress are in earnest, and will push the prosecution to a rapid conclusion.

In addition to this, criminal proceedings in the Federal Court have already been instituted against the ex-Secretary; and it now appears that he will have leisure to brood over his folly and dishonesty in the strict seclusion of a Penitentiary.

The system upon which the Secretary appeared to have mainly operated, was, by the aid of his wife, (who is said to be the most beautiful and accomplished woman in Washington) to intimate to some person whom they thought could be trusted, that for a certain portion of the profits, the Secretary would appoint such-and-so to the office of post-trader at one of the forts or Indian reservations on the frontier. These positions are very lucrative; for the post-trader has the sole right to sell goods, whiskey, &c., to the soldiers and Indians; and from some of these stations, the Secretary was receiving a bonus of from \$5,000 to \$12,000 per annum. It is also charged, and evidence is coming in thick and fast to sustain the charge, that not only in relation to these matters has the Secretary betrayed his trust for gain, but even in the regular army—a branch of the public service heretofore considered above reproach, he has acted shamefully.

And later, and worse, comes the startling information that not only the ex-Secretary, but the President himself, and other members of the Cabinet, have been equally as guilty—equally as much engaged in fraud and corruption, as Mr. Belknap, and all through the country the people are staggered at the fearful and fast-moving evidence of the rottenness of the administration. "Will it never end?" is the cry; and the question is answered by the evidence,—it will never end until Grant and his associates are hurled from the positions they occupy, and consigned, in charity, to the obscurity from whence they came.

From the Clarksburg News.

Colonel Wilson's Illness.

We regret to learn that Hon. Ben Wilson has been dangerously ill at his hotel, at Washington. During the first of last week he was attacked with malarial fever, and during Friday and Saturday of last week was considered dangerous, but is now better, and considered out of danger. Not long since it was discovered that poisonous air entered the Hall of the House of Representatives from the basement, and we suppose Colonel Wilson contracted the fever from breathing this air.

From the Monroe Register (Radical.) A PUBLIC MAN OF SOME ACCOUNT.

Senator Jonathan M. Bennett, of Lewis county, is worth a ship load of such public men as we have in the Greenbrier Valley. While he never makes any noise about his claims for office, he never fails to "put in a good lick" for his county. This year he secured \$76,000 for Weston, and he makes the enrichment of Lewis county his chief study. Our fellows study nothing but office seeking, and, if the interests of their county stand in the way of personal advancement, the county must go to the wall. Who has ever heard of 76 cents appropriation having been obtained for any of these counties by any of our "great men?" On the contrary, we have heard of the subvention and fatal chilling in a wet wooden envelope of the Salt Sulphur appropriation, for fear it might interfere with somebody's chances for a high nomination; and Captain Dennis' complaint of desertion is conclusive proof thereof. So far as the services of our public men are concerned, we do not value them in gross at a spoonful of cold coffee. If Senator Bennett were a citizen of this Valley, we would vote for him, though he is a Democrat.

Governor Letcher.

We regret to learn that ex-Governor John Letcher, the old "War Governor" of Virginia, was stricken with paralysis a few days ago, and is now in a very dangerous condition. He is at present a member of the Legislature; and his services to the Mother State are badly needed at this juncture.

For Auditor.

Weston, March 8. Mr. Editor.—The time for holding the Democratic State Convention is drawing nigh; and the inquiry is, who will be our next State officers? The Auditor of the State is one of our most important offices, and it becomes us to look well to our selection, and see that we get a good man to manage our State revenues. I would suggest to the people Mr. E. L. Bill, of Boone county, as a suitable man for that position. He is a man of unquestionable character—upright, honest and well qualified to fill the office. He has had a great deal of experience in the fiscal affairs of the State; and I hope his claims will be favorably considered all over the State.

LEWIS COUNTY DEMOCRAT.

From the Baltimore Enquirer.

Senator Davis.

On the Democratic side of the Senate chamber there has sat for many years a quiet gentleman who has soberly discharged his duties in the Committee room, and conscientiously voted with his party wherever his vote would tell, but he has rarely made speeches until lately. Now he often makes his opinions known, and people are beginning to find that Senator Davis is worth attention. Those swift critics in the reporters' gallery stop writing now when Mr. Davis rises, and listen, sure of some item which will give their fertile brains a text for more than one despatch. Senator Davis occupies a house on Massachusetts Avenue, which has the rare distinction of an enclosure crowded with shrubbery. Mrs. Davis is not fond of society, so a young lady daughter receives for her, upon Senatorial days, and there are few houses where calls are more agreeable. This young hostess makes her guests assured of welcome when they enter; she has really something to say during their stay; her table of refreshments is tempting, and "if you know enough to say a bright thing yourself, it falls upon an appreciative ear."

A Few Suggestions to the Democratic Party.

GLENNVILLE, W. VA., Feb. 26. Editor Democrat:—It is generally expected that the next election campaign will be fought with the fury of despair by the Republican party in this State. They begin to recognize the fact that one more defeat in West Virginia will put to rest all their hopes of ever recovering the control of the State. In the coming contest they will hold the Democratic Legislature and State officials responsible before the people for all their grievances; nor will they fail to present many just causes of complaint. The Republican leaders in West Virginia have proved themselves to be desperately determined men, as well as the very shrewdest and most unscrupulous of politicians. Their plans are all doubtless well laid. But to restore again the party of iron-clad oaths and registration frauds to the favor of the people, is a tremendous undertaking. The impeachment scheme was a complete failure on their part. The people knew all the time what was the object of those seditious Republicans in keeping up their howling against "official corruption"—their denunciations against that which, in the days of Radical glory, would have been regarded as perfectly legitimate. The people, I say, understood all the time that their object was to so disgust and irritate a Democratic Legislature that they in their wrath would squelch the impeachment without an investigation. But they were greatly deceived. We have gained the victory; and our Senators, in vindication of the good name of the old Democratic party, have placed the standard of official integrity high above the reach of modern Republicanism.

We will need nothing but union in our party, and a judiciously selected State ticket, representing the various sections of the State, to insure us a victory.

I will not presume to recommend a State ticket, though it is fashionable to do so, but I may be pardoned the expression of my pleasure at seeing so many of the tickets proposed the name of one from the Little Kona who Valley. I refer, of course, to the Hon. Isaac L. Enoch, of Wirt county. The citizens of our little valley would feel highly complimented by the recognition of their claims to representation in the person of Mr. Enoch. He was born in our valley about forty-five years ago;

and having lived here all his life, (except when in the Legislature) enjoying the confidence of his fellow-citizens, we feel assured that as State Treasurer, he would always be found toiling for the good of the State.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE.

The firm heretofore existing, under the name of W. M. L. DUNNINGTON & BRO., is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

W. M. L. DUNNINGTON, HUGH DUNNINGTON, February 17.

TO THE PUBLIC.

The business will hereafter be carried on by the undersigned; and it is very desirable that those indebted to the old firm will come at once and settle their accounts. Thankful for past favors, and soliciting a continuance of the liberal patronage that has heretofore been bestowed upon me, I am, Very Respectfully, &c., W. L. DUNNINGTON.

Mr. Hugh Dunnington will remain with me, and assist me in carrying on the business.

Commissioner's Sale of

Valuable Farming Lands

In Braxton County.

R. B. Hall, plaintiff,

vs. Benajah Keener, et al. defendants.

IN CHANCERY.

Pursuant to a decree entered in the above styled cause by the Circuit Court of Braxton county, on the 21st of August, 1874, the undersigned, as Special Commissioner, will, on the 23d day of May, 1876, that being a Court day for said county, in front of the court house door of said county, proceed to sell the tract of

395 Acres of Land

in the bill and proceedings of said cause mentioned, as the residue of 700 acres, situated in said county, on the Fork of Steer Creek, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash in hand to pay the costs of this suit, and expense of sale, and the residue on a credit of 6 and 12 months, taking from the purchaser notes bearing interest from date, with good personal security, retaining a lien on the land as further security.

M. T. FRAME, Special Commissioner.

March 14—4w

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Witness, Jesse Woolfer, Clerk of the said Court, this 18th day of February, 1876.

JESSE WOOLFER, Clerk.

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